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DATE: June 23, 2025
TO: Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue
FROM: Heather Buch, Lane County Commissioner, District 5
RE: HB 3962-A, Relating to local taxation

Dear Chair Meek, Vice-Chair McLane, and Members of the Committee:

Chair Meek, Vice-Chair McLane, and members of the committee, for the record, I am Lane County Commissioner Heather Buch, and I am here to testify in support of HB 3962-A.

- As a Lane County Commissioner, I am responsible for ensuring our communities have the infrastructure, public services and economic development tools they need to thrive.
- HB 3962-A offers critical updates to Oregon's Transient Lodging Tax states that will allow counties like ours to better serve both residents and visitors.
- This bill recognizes the realities faced by local governments in managing the impacts of tourism on public safety, infrastructure, and essential services, including tourism-impacted services like police, fire, emergency medical services, and public amenities like restrooms and parking.
- HB 3962-A ensures that communities experiencing high tourism traffic can responsibly and sustainably maintain the infrastructure that supports visitors and local residents.
- Lane County has long supported tourism as an important economic driver.
- However, without flexibility to invest a reasonable share of lodging tax revenues in maintaining roads, public safety, and essential community infrastructure, the burden falls on local taxpayers.
- HB 3962-A provides a balanced solution by preserving funds for tourism promotion while allowing up to 60% of net revenue from new or increased taxes to support vital services directly affected by tourism.
- This is a responsible, forward-thinking update to ensure tourism remains an asset and not a strain.
- I urge your support for HB 3962-A

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